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Message Body:

Hello commission, my name is Genevieve Penn. As a lifelong resident of the San Fernando Valley, I find this redistricting effort vital and very impactful for my future. I attended school up in Porter Ranch and have recently graduated from California State University Northridge. I also grew up regularly attending Shepherd of the Hills church and spent much of my time there. In my attendance at school and church, I have come into contact with people from all over the San Fernando Valley, Ventura County, and Santa Clarita Valley. I have spent a lot of time in these areas and have found them to be quite similar, mainly the cities of Porter Ranch, Santa Clarita, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks.

These cities would make a great district if thrown in with their surrounding cities. I would like to see the cities of Santa Clarita, Porter Ranch, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks together in the same district. These cities are all burgeoning with communities of many couples choosing to start their family. Each city contains what its residents need when it comes to restaurants, stores, entertainment, and education. On the outskirts of The San Fernando Valley, people move to these cities because it is close enough to everything but also separated enough to not look or feel like the Valley.

Many of the residents living in these cities would agree with me that they like their secluded cities that have so much to offer them and are a great place to raise a family. They are clean cities with a steadily growing population. Grouped together, these cities would make up a district of equal cities and communities and would provide a representative with a comparable district.

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